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Community *notes*

Presenting the Clarksville Design Guidelines

The public is invited to attend a community meeting on the presentation of the Clarksville-River Hill Route 108 Design Guidelines on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Claret Hall, 6020 Daybreak Circle, Clarksville.

The County's design consultants will introduce and provide an overview of the proposed Clarksville Pike design guidelines in advance of their public release online May 15, 2015. Prior to the presentation of the proposed design guidelines, the County's engineering consultant will provide an overview and summary of the traffic study that helped inform the proposed design guidelines. The traffic study will also be posted online May 15, 2015. Both documents will be posted on [DPZ's Portal Page](#).

During the meeting, the community will have an opportunity to ask questions of both consultants. The purpose of the meeting is to provide context and overview of the forthcoming documents. Copies of the documents will be available online the next day.

A public comment period of 30 days will follow introduction of the proposed design guidelines. Public comment is also welcome related to the traffic study; however, traffic studies are for informational purposes, and they are not adopted as policy by the County. The traffic study also serves to help the County in its work with State Highway Administration to anticipate needed roadway improvements.

If you have any question, please contact Bill Mackey at wmackey@howardcountymd.gov.

Greeting

Food for Tomorrow is back again helping the Howard County Food Bank (see below). Also, there are many fun events coming next weekend. Hopefully, you will find something that tickles your fancy!

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Giving Food for Tomorrow

The Food for Tomorrow volunteers hope to see you this Saturday, May 9 to support the Howard County Food Bank at Giant Food, Hickory Ridge Village Center, Columbia from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This food drive is very much needed to fill the nearly empty shelves of the Food Bank.

Items needed at this time are:

Peanut butter

Pasta

Pasta sauces

Rice

Fruit (canned or jar)

Breakfast cereals (hot/cold)

Healthy snacks

Beans (dry or canned)

Tuna

Canned vegetables

Meal makers

Personal care toiletries

Baby Items

Please stop by this Saturday and donate any of the items. You can also make a monetary donation at www.cac-hc.org. With your assistance, we will help the more than 23,000 people who face food insecurity on a daily basis in our county.

Howard County to host Veterans Resource Fair

The Howard County Veterans and Military Families Commission will host a Veterans Resource Fair on Tuesday, May 19, 5:00 - 8:45 p.m. at the Miller Branch Library, 9421 Frederick Road, Ellicott City. While geared towards veterans living in Howard County, all veterans are invited to attend. Admission is free.

The fair will offer attendees the opportunity to talk face-to-face with more than 25 businesses, organizations and nonprofits dedicated to providing services, support and jobs to veterans. Representatives from the following organizations will be on hand:

- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Mobile Vet Van
- Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Maryland's Commitment to Veterans
- Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations, One Stop Career Centers
- Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, Outreach and Advocacy Program
- Howard County Department of Social Services
- Easter Seals
- Wounded Warrior Project
- Neighbor Ride
- The American Legion and the VFW
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Veterans History Project
- Small Business Administration

For more information about the fair and the Commission for Veterans and Military Families, contact Lisa Terry with the Howard County Office of Military Affairs at 410-313-0821.

Indigo Dyeing Is Just Fun!

Join the Maryland Science Center on the rooftop terrace for its Indigo Dye Workshop on Saturday, May 16, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Indigo dyeing is a process of coloring textiles that has been used for thousands of years to create a rich blue color.

In this workshop participants will learn about the history of indigo dyeing, how to create an indigo dye vat, and explore different ways of creating patterns on textiles through the dyeing process. Each participant will receive fabric samples and a tote bag to dye. Gloves will be provided, but participants are encouraged to wear old clothing, as the indigo dye can stain.

Cost is \$15 per person, and all supplies and museum admission are included. This workshop is designed for ages 10+, anyone under 16 must participate with an adult. Please visit the [website](#) or call 410-545-5980 to reserve your space today.

Godspell

The '70s stage musical, based on the Gospel According to Matthew, returns in a joyous production by Silhouette Stages!

Silhouette Stages hosts six performances of this rousing musical: May 15-17 and May 22-24 at Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia. Friday and Saturday performances take place at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday matinees begin at 3:00 p.m. For more information and tickets, please visit their [website](#).

Columbia Festival of the Arts Presents...

Cross Currents, the Summer Festival offered by the Columbia Festival of the Arts, features diverse free and ticketed events including film, dance, comedy, theatre, art exhibitions, a concert performance by GRAMMY® winning music legends, **Blind Boys of Alabama**, and a free weekend of outdoor entertainment for the whole family.

The Festival kicks off with Free Opening Weekend on the Lakefront June 12-14, and continues through June 27 with electrifying performances and fascinating hybrids like global sensation **Pilobolus**, fusing modern dance theatre and acrobatics, and **Hot Club of San Francisco: Cinema Vivant**, celebrating imagination with vintage silent film and live gypsy swing. The 2015 Summer Festival will conclude with **The Best of The Second City**, the legendary sketch and improv group of comedy's best and brightest. For details, visit [columbiafestival.org](#).

Events Hosted by HC Recreation & Parks

Join HCRP for annual events which are popular across the County and the region.

Wine in the Woods takes place Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 in Merriweather Symphony Woods Park. Sample vintages from around the state, enjoy a wide variety of delicious food, shop for handcrafted items and show off your best dance moves to many genres of music!

The celebration kicks off with the annual 5K in Centennial Park on Saturday, May 9. Visit the [website](#) for all the details. Cheers!

Beginning in June, the department hosts its Summer concert series, Summer Serenades and Traveling Bands. The concerts are free. Guests are asked to bring non-perishable food in support of the Howard County Food Bank. Click [here](#) to view the schedule.

Searching for Summer Camps? There are still a few spots open. Visit the [webpage](#) to access the online portal for viewing the available camps and to register.

Free Mosaic Mural Workshops

Join artist Susan Stockman and fellow community members to create a collaborative mosaic using ceramics, glass, shells, and other materials. The first mosaic panel will be unveiled at the ARTreach festival at Long Reach Village Center on June 20. Later this year, the completed artwork will be permanently installed at the village center for everyone to enjoy!

Drop in for a few hours or stay for the full session on May 12, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. & June 13, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Columbia Art Center or May 31, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. & June 11, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Columbia Youth & Teen Center. Attend one or more sessions which are open to ages 8 & up; children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration recommended due to limited space. For more information on this HCAC community outreach project, click [here](#).

News from HC Recycling

Howard County residents can bring up to 3 bags or boxes of paper to be shredded onsite at the Gary J. Arthur Community Center (2400 Rt 97) on Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or whenever the truck is full. This event will be held rain or shine. Please visit our [shredding website](#) to learn about what shredding actually does to the paper.

Antifreeze and motor oil SHOULD NOT be poured down the drain. Instead, recycle them at Alpha Ridge Landfill Monday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Avoid Charity Scams

Howard County's Office of Consumer Affairs warns residents to be careful of scams when donating to relief organizations. It recommends that residents take the following steps before making charitable donations:

- Utilize web sites like Charity Watch and Charity Navigator to learn more about specific charities.
- Be wary of high pressure tactics. Scammers will say anything to get you to send your money.
- Look out for imposter charities. Con artists pick names that look like or sound like well-known organizations.
- Make sure the charity is registered. In Maryland, charities must register with the Office of the Secretary of State before asking for donations. Click [here](#) to see if a charity is registered and provides links to other sites that will assist you in making your donation decisions.

For more information and/or to report a potential scam, contact the Office of Consumer Affairs at 410-313-6420 or visit the Office's "Scam Alert!" website at www.howardcountymd.gov/scamalert.htm.

Residents who have lost money or feel their personal safety is at risk due to a scam, should contact the Howard County Police Department's non-emergency phone number at 410-313-2200 to file a report.

Reminders

Council Members Visiting Columbia Villages

The *Columbia Listening Tour* continues next week. The County Council members seek input from the village boards on New Town zoning, village center revitalization, and other local issues impacting the villages.

River Hill: Monday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Long Reach: Tuesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Farmers' Markets

Howard County's Farmers' Markets are now open. View the [webpage](#) for locations, times, et cetera. Would you like to learn more about local producers? Click [here](#)!

Howard County FY2016 Budget

The Howard County Council continues its work on the Fiscal Year 2016 proposed budgets. Budget Work Sessions are scheduled for Monday, May 11 and Thursday, May 14. Click [here](#) to view the budget calendar and to download proposed budgets.

The Council will hold Budget Public Hearings on May 11 at 1:00 p.m. (general budget) and May 12 at 7:30 p.m. (education (HCPSS, HCC, HC Library). Interested persons may [sign up online](#) to testify. Budget sessions are available for [viewing online](#).

Food Drive for Our Seniors

Help Food on the 15th with its ongoing donation drive to support seniors in need by donating any non-perishable food, and encourages healthier foods that are low in salt, sugar, carbohydrates and fat. Please include toiletries such as shampoo and conditioner, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, and aluminum foil.

Donations can be brought to the Youth and Teen Center at The Barn, 5853 Robert Oliver Place in the Oakland Mills Village Center; Claret Hall, 6020 Daybreak Circle in the River Hill Village Center; and Looks Salon and Spa, 6822 Oak Hall Lane.

For more information, go to foodonthe15th.org.



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